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October 18, 1976

Dear Miguel,

I just can't thank you enough for your warm letter of October 12th. Barbara and I have been thinking about you a lot.

We enjoyed our brief telephone conversation, but in a way it made me very sad because it brought home to me the fact that lately we really have not seen nearly enough of you.

We are praying for some miraculous change—you will have our warmest personal affection as you return to Paraguay.

As time goes by, I am more and more impressed at the meaning of friendship. For Bar

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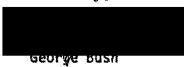
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and me you and Rosa are close friends and that means so very much. I wish you well, amigo.

Warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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October 12,1976

Mr. and Mrs. George BUSH, 5161 Palisade Lane, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear George and Barbara:

In a few more days, I shall be definitively leaving this Capital City of Washington D.C. and I shall be returning to my own country. It has been my bad luck to be stricken with a sudden and devastating ter minal illness. Now it is the time for me to go back to where all my roots are,

Looking back at the years of my temure of office in the United States of America - both in New York and in Washington, D.C. - I fully realize how deeply indebted I am with some of my American friends. Foremost in my list are you both. So, in taking leave of you George and Barbara, I wish to state clearly and unequivocally, on behalf of Rosa and of myself, our sincerest appreciation and profound gratitude for the friendship with which you honor us. We will cherish it as one of the finest satisfaction in this country.

iguel SOLANO LOPEZ